

APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date October 14, 1987

Full name David Lee Boone
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Franktown State Colorado Zip Code 80116

Date of birth 9/24/55 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion Presbyterian Nationality American (Colorado native)

Occupation Douglas County, Colorado - Deputy Sheriff (Crime Prevention and Exploring Advisor)

Education Denver Christian High School

Weight 220 lbs. Height 6' 4" Race Caucasian

Color of hair Brown Color of eyes Blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Married Children None
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Spouse's name [REDACTED]

Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Office	Date registered	Date resigned
E 2104	Castle Rock	Colorado	Denver #61	February 1983	October 6, 1987

(Please see attached sheet for additional information.)
Special recognition Post has won numerous trophies. He has been recognized by District.

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons: Under indictment for admitted sexual abuse of male Explorers in his Post.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

Signed William R. Hyland
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Denver Area

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May 16, 1989

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
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Boy Scouts of America
National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is an update on the charges against Gerald L. Marques, a former Explorer Advisor for Post 20. A sentencing hearing is set for June 30th, and Mr. Marques will probably be given probation.

Also enclosed is an article on David Boone, a former Explorer Advisor, for your records.

Thank you.

Most sincerely,

William R. Kephart
Scout Executive

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Sex offender released after prison term of less than year

By Ginny McKibben
Denver Post Staff Writer

CASTLE ROCK — A former Douglas County sheriff's deputy and Explorer Scouts leader is back on the streets — less than a year after he was sentenced to nine years in prison for sexually assaulting Scouts under his care.

The release of David Boone, 33, by Arapahoe District Judge Thomas Curry has caused consternation among the five teenage victims and sheriff's department officials. "We only learned of it last week.

There was no official notification," Sheriff Steve Zotos said Monday. Zotos said he is bitter that Boone is out on the streets, probably living in Englewood or Aurora. "Law enforcement officers should be held to another standard," he said. "The bottom line is that this man took advantage of the Explorer Scout program and violated a trust."

The sheriff said he learned of Boone's release after a youth reported talking to Boone at a local drive-in theater, where the convicted sexual offender was working. Victims Assistance consultant Patty Moschner said Boone's placement at a youth hangout showed questionable judgment. His release has frightened the five young men who accused Boone of sexual assault from 1983 to 1987. "This sends out a terrible message to victims," Moschner said. "It is very difficult to get any sexual-assault victim to come forward, but especially males."

Curry originally sentenced Boone last May 23 to nine years in prison. Several teenage boys gave emotional testimony to years of manipulation and seduction by their Scout leader. "But six months later, Curry changed the sentence to transfer Boone's supervision from the state Department of Corrections to the Arapahoe Community Treatment Center. Curry serves on the board of the Arapahoe center. "My position is that I want him

to get the treatment that he needs outside of the Department of Corrections," the judge said Monday. "If there is a problem, he will be back in court."

Most convicts must stay at the center about 180 days before they are returned to the community, said Leslie Hicks, the center's assistant director. But Boone arrived in January and left three months later. Hicks would not say why. She said his activities are carefully monitored.

However, she was unsure if Boone's caseworker knew of his job at the drive-in. She also said she didn't know if Boone still works there.

Court records say Boone's pedophilia is being treated at Redirection Sexual Aggression, a program aimed at curing sexual offenders through revulsion techniques and group therapy.

Testifying at the sentencing, psychologists told Curry that Boone's sexual habits would be difficult to change.

July 6, 1988

William R. Kephart
Scout Executive
Denver Area Council, No. 61

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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May 24, 1988

Paul,

Enclosed are two newspaper
articles on the trial of
David Boone. ... thought you
would be interested in the
outcome of the case.

Bill Kylesant

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Ex-deputy gets 9 years in sex case

Rocky Mountain News Staff

CASTLE ROCK — A former Douglas County sheriff's deputy who headed the department's Explorer Scout group was sentenced yesterday to nine years in prison for sexually assaulting one of the boys.

David Boone, 32, sobbed as he faced Douglas County District Judge Thomas Curry after a hearing that included testimony from two young men who said Boone assaulted them.

Two psychologists testified Boone is a pedophile — sexually attracted to children — and is undergoing therapy.

"I know I'm guilty as charged, and everything that happened was my fault," Boone said. "There's a lot of people I've hurt — the boys, my family, the department, the courts."

While saying he hoped Boone could continue his treatment, Cur-

ry ordered a prison sentence less than the maximum 16 years possible.

In February, Boone pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a child. In exchange, two other counts of sex assault and three misdemeanor charges involving four Scouts over the past four years were dismissed.

Boone, a deputy since 1981, served as crime prevention officer and adviser for the Explorers post for young people interested in law enforcement.

One of Boone's victims, now 19, said he looked to Boone as a father figure and felt betrayed. "Psychologically, it tore me up. I lost trust in him. He used to say if you lost trust, you lost everything in the world," he said.

Robert Kraus, operations chief for the sheriff's department, said Boone's behavior devastated the Explorers and eroded their trust of sheriff's officers.

Former deputy gets 9 years for sexually assaulting boy

By Ginny McKibben
Denver Post Staff Writer

A former Douglas County sheriff's deputy was sentenced Monday to nine years in the state penitentiary after he pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting a boy while serving as leader of an Explorer Scout group.

In a tearful sentencing hearing in Douglas County District Court, David Boone, 32, was confronted by two Explorer Scouts who said Boone used his position to win their trust, then seduced them.

District Judge Thomas Curry imposed the sentence despite psychologists' pleas that Boone be treated for pedophilia while serving in a community corrections program. Without treatment, they warned, he could repeat his crime when freed.

Admitting that Boone's sexual aberrance would be difficult to change, the psychologists nevertheless said the defendant is very motivated to reform.

But the Scouts told tales of trust betrayed and loyalty manipulated.

"It took me until last week to realize what he is. I thought he was a brother who had a problem," said one 17-year-old boy who asked that Boone be sent to prison.

Boone formed Post 104 Explorer Scout group for the Sheriff's Department in 1983 to teach young people who were interested in careers in law enforcement.

He persuaded one couple to let their son live with him. During those 2½ years, the boy said, Boone sexually assaulted him.

Another described trips to a cabin where Boone supplied alcohol and pornographic films, followed by sex.

When threatened with exposure, Boone pleaded for protection, claiming that his life, career and marriage would be ruined, the youths testified.

Early in 1987, three young men confronted Boone and demanded a promise that he would stop. The promise was broken almost immediately, a boy testified.

The crime might never have come to light but for one Scout who was given a routine polygraph test while applying for a job with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department.

During questioning, the youth recounted his experiences with Boone.

"You see," he said, "I have a problem when I think of him."

May 31, 1988

Mr. William R. Kephart
Scout Executive
Denver Area Council, No. 51

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

Dear Bill:

We have not heard from you recently concerning the above named individual and wondered if the legal action has now been completed. If Mr. Boone has been convicted of the sexual abuse, we would like the final outcome and sentencing.

Let us know if you can help us close this file at this time.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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April 1, 1988

Mr. William R. Kephart
Scout Executive
Denver Area Council, No. 61

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

Dear Bill:

We have not heard from you since last Fall concerning the above-named individual. We wondered if the legal action has now taken place so that we can have a conviction and a closed file.

We would like any newspaper clippings or court records which would give the outcome of the legal action. If this is now complete, this information could be sent to us so that we may close the file. We would need no other information from you at this time.

Thank you again for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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National Office
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038-3096
Telephone: 214-580-2000

October 22, 1987

William R. Kephart
Scout Executive
Denver Area Council, No. 61

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Lee Boone

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the material you sent us concerning the above named individual. This will be helpful and will enable us to identify Mr. Boone should he attempt registration in another location.

We have deleted his registration from our files, as you requested. Please keep us informed as any legal action takes place. This will help us make a complete file.

We would like to have a copy of an application or something with his signature if possible. This helps in the identification process.

Thanks for your help in protecting the youth of America.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
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COUNTY
DOUGLAS

LOCAL UNIT NO. STATUS
104 R

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RENEWAL DATE
2/28/88

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION NAME & ADDRESS
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

CODE
103

INSTITUTIONAL HEAD NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE
STEVE ZOTOS

COUNCIL CERTIFICATION:

NAT UNIT AWARD EARNED ☒ Yes

PEREGISTERING ON TIME ☒ Yes

TOP LEADER TRAINED ? ☒ Yes
100% BOYS LIFE ? ☒ No

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48 MONTHS COMPLETED TENURE

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009073	MC R	DONALD	CHRISTENSEN			CASTLE ROCK	CO 80104	9/ /37	M	B
009077	AA R	MICHAEL D	COLEMAN			ENGLEWOOD	CO 80112	11/22/61	M	H
009075	AA R	WILLIAM	HARRIS			CASTLE ROCK	CO 80104	4/ /61	M	B
009072	CC R	ROBERT	KRAUS			CASTLE ROCK	CO 80104	10/ /45	M	B

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Paul -
Here are some
recent news
articles related
to the David Boone
case.

Ray Boyd

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Section 1

Fired deputy arrested in sex case

By George Lane
Denver Post Staff Writer

CASTLE ROCK — A recently fired Douglas County sheriff's deputy who also is a Boy Scout leader was arrested this week on suspicion of sexually assaulting children.

Deputy District Attorney Paul King said the arrest warrant is sealed until Monday morning and he can provide no details of the allegations until then.

A news release issued by Douglas County Sheriff Steve Zotos identified the former deputy as David L. Boone, 32.

Boone, a six-year veteran of the sheriff's department, was suspended when an internal investigation

of alleged departmental rules violations was started several weeks ago. He was fired after a department hearing last week.

According to Zotos' release, the sheriff's department received information Oct. 6 that prompted the internal investigation.

The sheriff said that, at about the same time, an investigation was started by the district attorney's office and investigators from his office into possible criminal activities that could lead to prosecution.

Boone, who had been a crime prevention officer, turned himself in to authorities Tuesday afternoon. He appeared in court later Tuesday and his bond was set at

\$50,000. He had posted the bond and been released from the county jail by Wednesday night.

Boone reportedly had been seeing a psychologist prior to the investigation, and he voluntarily entered an area hospital after the investigation began.

A condition of his \$50,000 bond is that he continue working with the psychologist. He reportedly checked himself back into the hospital after posting the bond.

King said the charges being considered against the former deputy include third-degree sexual assault, a misdemeanor, and felony sexual assault on a child.

Rocky Mtn. News 10/22/87 p. 12.

Douglas County deputy arrested in molestations

By GUY KELLY
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

CASTLE ROCK — A Douglas County sheriff's deputy has been arrested on suspicion of molesting young men interested in law enforcement work, officials said yesterday.

Deputy David L. Boone, 32, surrendered Tuesday after authorities issued an arrest warrant for him on charges of third-degree sexual assault and sexual assault on a child.

Boone, a deputy since 1981, posted the \$50,000 bond and was released on the condition he return to a psychiatric hospital where he was being treated before his arrest, Lt. Mike Acree said.

Boone served as the department's crime prevention officer and adviser for an Explorer Post, a group sponsored by authorities and the Boy Scouts of America to familiarize youths with law enforcement work.

Officials declined to say whether the charges relate to Boone's work with the Explorer Post, but Acree said "the investigation is centering around that area."

He declined to say how many youths are involved or when the offenses may have taken place. "We're looking into several years of activities," Acree said. "They range in age from young adults to juveniles."

District Attorney Bob Gallagher and Douglas County Sheriff Steve Zotos issued a prepared statement yesterday saying the agencies began an investigation earlier this month after receiving information about "possible criminal activities."

Officials suspended Boone Oct. 7 after a preliminary administrative hearing. A week later, after a formal hearing, he was fired and his appointment as a deputy revoked.

"Termination was based upon the violation of several department policies and rules of conduct," the statement said.

Deputy fired after investigation

A Douglas County Sheriff's deputy has been fired after an internal investigation and an ongoing criminal investigation, Sheriff Steve Zotos said Tuesday.

Zotos did not reveal the name of the deputy but said it would be announced after criminal charges are filed. "We expect to release that information late this afternoon or first thing in the morning," Zotos said Tuesday.

Thursday a news release was issued saying "an internal investigation is being conducted into alleged criminal and departmental rules violations by a deputy. Subsequently, the Douglas County Sheriff's Department and the district attorney's office has begun a joint investigation into possible criminal activities and prosecution."

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Deputy arrested in sexual assault probe

By Paul DiNucci
News-Press Writer

A sheriff's deputy was arrested Tuesday and booked on charges of sexually assaulting a child and third-degree sexual assault, sheriff's department officials said.

Boone, who has been with the department since February 1981, turned himself in to the Douglas County Sheriff's Department Tuesday after a warrant for his arrest was issued Monday.

He was released from custody Tuesday after posting a \$50,000 bond.

Formal charges are expected to

be filed against Boone the beginning of next week, according to a sheriff's department release.

Boone, 32, was suspended from duty Oct. 7 after the department conducted a preliminary investigation based on information it received Oct. 6, officials said.

The sheriff's department and the district attorney's office conducted the investigation that led to Boone's termination as a deputy, a news release by the department indicated.

That investigation is continuing.

Boone, a Franktown resident, was a leader of the Douglas

County Sheriff's Department Explorers Post, an organization that tries to instill an interest in youngsters to pursue employment in law enforcement.

His duties involved coordinating activities for the post's members, who range in age from 14 to 20.

Prior to his dismissal, Boone was a crime prevention officer with the department and performed such duties as educating homeowners on how to counter crime.

Boone established programs for businesses to prevent robbery and homeowners to create Neighborhood Watch programs and

prevent burglary and sexual assault, Bob Kraus, chief of operation for the department, said.

Kraus said a background check was not conducted on Boone because the deputy had been employed by the department prior to Sheriff Steve Zotos' administration, which began in 1982.

When Zotos took office only driving and criminal records checks were performed on deputies who were hired under the previous sheriff's administration, Kraus said.

Normally, intensive checks on criminal, driving, financial background and psychological profiles are done on potential em-

ployees.

"I don't think he had a criminal record at all," Kraus said.

The deputy chief said he was not sure whether Royal McKinster, the previous sheriff, required thorough background checks on officers.

"It's the value and standard the department set," Kraus said of Zotos' policy of investigating deputies' pasts. "We do intensive background checks on officers."

Kraus described Boone as an excellent, thorough officer who was well-liked in the community.

"We have an excellent Explorers post," Kraus said. "It's No

1 in the state."

Kraus said the organization has won numerous awards in state competition.

Lt. Mike Actee, who is investigating the allegations against Boone, said there are a great many people he has to interview before the investigation is completed.

"It is a very delicate situation," Actee said Tuesday. "When we feel we have the case in hand we'll take it to the district attorney's office."

Boone is scheduled to appear Monday morning in Douglas County District Court to face arraignment.

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October 22, 1987

William R. Kephart
Scout Executive
Denver Area Council, No. 61

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Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: North Central Region

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October 16, 1987

Denise,

I have deleted adult, David Boone, member
number 9074, per attached letter.

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Thank you.

Theresa K. Escobedo

Theresa K. Escobedo,
Registrar

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October 16, 1987

Paul,

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

Bill Hylant

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ADDENDUM FOR DAVID LEE BOONE

Registered as:

1. Englewood Police Department Post Exploring Advisor
1978 - 1981
2. Englewood Police Department Post Youth Member
1974 - 1976

* No unit record before 1974, unit record for 1977 not on file, but suspect he was registered as an adult leader in '77 also.

AA/II
10/15/87

October 8, 1987.

Report on our meeting with the Douglas County Sheriff,
regarding abuse of Explorers.

After an early morning phone call from Sheriff Steve Zotos, expressing an urgent need to meet with Scouting representatives, Ray Boyd and I drove to the Douglas County Sheriff's office in Castle Rock, CO, for an 1145 am meeting.

Present at the meeting were:

Steve Zotos, Douglas County Sheriff ([REDACTED])
Robert Kraus, " " Sheriff's Deputy " [REDACTED]
Daniel Torpy, " " Attorney ([REDACTED])
Ray Boyd, Director of Field Service, Denver Area Council, BSA
Alan Anderson, Exploring Director, " " " " " "
Scout Office ([REDACTED])

Sheriff Zotos shared, for the first time, the following information with us:

David Boone, 21 yo., married, Douglas Co. Deputy Sheriff and Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor, has been involved in sexual relations with male Explorers.

Currently, there are five known victims. Four are now over 18 yo. One is 17 yo. Sexual relations

are reported to have occurred over the last three years with these five victims.

Based on an internal investigation and admissions by Dave Boone, sexual activity sometimes occurred while Boone was supervising official Post functions. More frequently, activity took place at Boone's home or mtn. cabin.

Upon learning of the situation, Sheriff Zotos suspended Boone from service as a deputy and as Post Advisor.

Boone threatened suicide and is currently (10/3/87) under psychiatric ~~care~~^{care} at Bethesda Mental Health Center, Denver.

The problem was uncovered by the Arapahoe County Sheriff. They were conducting a polygraph test on a job applicant. His responses to questions about homosexual behavior do not read normal. Upon questioning, he admitted sexual involvement with Boone, while he was an Explorer in Boone's Post.

Upon questioning, Boone revealed his involvement and gave the names of four other boys involved.

Two of the boys were living with Boove and his wife. They had been assigned there. [REDACTED] arrangement, by county social services.

At this writing, 10/5/87, the parents of the victims have not been notified. A meeting is planned for Monday, 10/12/87, to notify them and provide counseling. This meeting will be run by Sheriff Zotos at his office.

The first information Sheriff Zotos had on this was on Tuesday, 10/6/87, as called to them by the Douglas County Sheriff. After their investigation, they notified the Scout office early on 10/8/87.

We discuss concerns for the victims and their families and a need to provide counseling for them.

Sheriff Zotos requested advice from the N.Y. B.S.A. on how to best respond to the media, and on what legal advice might be available for these situations.

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We assured him that we would begin, through our Sunk Executive, the prescribed procedure for these cases.

I believe Sheriff Zotos has responded swiftly and appropriately to protect the victims and remove Boone from the situation.

These notes taken
at the meeting and
submitted by:

Alan Anderson

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED _____

COUNCIL # NC

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: Bob HanawaltPOSITION: A.D.he is in CO.Wt @ Region
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Re: - ConfidentialCo 61 DENVERDAVID BOONE ID# 009074 B/Y - 9/55[REDACTED] CASTLE ROCK, CO.LAW ENFORCEMENT POSTSEXUAL ABUSE OF EXPLORERS (Boys)ATTEMPTED SUICIDEARRESTED -5 VICTIMSCNSL WILL SEND MTL.

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SUN NO. 3387 Scouts act to keep molesters;

By Thomas Giral
Denver Post Staff Writer
Beck, David
1/28

America's Boy Scout movement, pledged to keep young men "morally straight," is in the throes of trying to keep child molesters from entering its leadership ranks.

There has been an increase nationwide in the number of reported cases of adult Scout leaders being charged with sexually molesting boys and young men under their supervision, said Bartley Bollas, spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America at the organization's headquarters in Irving, Texas.

The problem has become so acute that

preventing child molestation ranks alongside promoting citizenship, camping skills and other traditional Scouting concerns as a top priority of the organization, local and national Scouting leaders say.

"We simply have to be prepared," said Denver-area Scouting executive Bill Ke-phart, applying the Boy Scout motto to yet another worry. "I've seen more reports of sexual abuse in Scouting in the past few years than ever before. But we're putting it on the table and dealing with it."

In addition to the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and other organizations that rely on adult volunteers

to work with youths are stepping up efforts to prevent child molesters from entering their ranks.

"We err on the side of safety. I'm sure we turn down applicants that would make Great Big Brothers," said Bert Shingleton, executive director of the organization in Denver.

There are about 4 million Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America, founded in 1910. More than 32,000 Scouts live in the Denver area.

Since the beginning of 1987, more than a dozen cases of sexual abuse involving Scout leaders and Scouts nationally have

been reported. Leaders believe the tip of the iceberg is just last year's sheriff's leader was charged with four years.

David Bollas, a Scout leader, was charged with sexual abuse in this year. David Bollas, a Scout leader, was charged with sexual abuse in this year.

more questions about an applicant's personal background. The additional information, Scout officials believe, will help them spot "red flags" that may tip them off to molesters.

Applicants are asked if they have a criminal record. The names are checked against a national list of known child molesters.

But in Boone's case, he wasn't asked to fill out an application for Explorer leader because of his position as a sheriff's deputy and because he had a clean criminal record, said Douglas County Sheriff Steve Zotos.

Boone also was allowed to be alone with Explorer troops — Scouts of both sexes between the ages of 15 and 20 interested in various careers and community service projects. One assault took place in a sheriff's patrol car, the district attorney has charged.

"We no longer let the Explorer leaders and Scouts ride alone," Zotos said. "We had a major setback, but I still think we're one of the better Explorer posts around."

Mental health experts warn that all volunteer applicants, from clergy to cops, should be thoroughly screened.

"It's critical that a decent kind of interview is conducted with the applicant to these organizations," said Dr. James Lauer, a psychiatrist and clinical director at Mount Airy Psychiatric Center in Denver.

Lauer and others recommend being wary of applicants who have no or very few close adult friends, or who say they don't have any adult male role models.

Big Brothers of Metro Denver, the largest Big Brothers organization in the country, already puts applicants through an extensive screening process before an applicant is chosen to be a Big Brother to a boy without a father at home.

Some of the trouble signs Big Brothers looks for are the same as Lauer's. The organization also is wary of men who have a fundamentalist religious background, are extremely anti-homosexual, or are over-anxious to be accepted.

"Only 17 percent of those who inquire about being Big Brothers are accepted," said Big Brother executive director Singleton. "That's hard to do when you have a waiting list of 500 kids, but it's something we have to do."

Singleton said the last time a Big



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